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25X1 1. Since the dismantling of lignite installations began, the daily production of coal in the Province of Brandenburg has fallen from 91,000 tons to 52,000 tons, a drop of nearly 43 percent. Briquette production in Brandenburg has dropped from 27,300 tons to 15,350 tons, a reduction of slightly more than 44 percent.

2. A plan for the mining of hard coal around Döbrilugk-Kirchhain (AO5) is being worked out. The provincial government of Brandenburg took over this project from the Central Administration for Fuel Industry on 1 March 1947. It has been established that the quantity of coal in this deposit amounts to around 60,000,000 tons, of which only two-thirds can actually be mined. An attempt will be made to reach a daily output of 3,000 tons, which would permit an annual yield of 900,000 tons. It will require from three to four years to bring the completed installations to full production.

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3. Nine Russian engineers, one of them a woman, have arrived in the Niederlausitz mining region since 11 March 1947. They are distributed among the several mining enterprises and ostensibly are to study production increases. Nevertheless, further dismantlings are being planned.

4. Following is a table of production figures for the mines and briquette works in the Niederlausitz lignite area from 1933 through 1946.

Year	Raw Coal	Briquettes
1933	28,000,000 tons	8,400,000 tons
1934	30,000,000	8,500,000
1935	32,000,000	9,000,000
1936	34,000,000	9,500,000
1937	38,000,000	10,500,000

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Raw Coal</u>	<u>Briquettes</u>
1938	42,000,000	11,000,000
1939	46,500,000	13,000,000
1940	51,000,000	14,500,000
1941	53,500,000	15,000,000
1942	55,500,000	15,900,000
1943	58,000,000	16,500,000
1944	no report	no report
1945	14,000,000	4,500,000
1946	17,200,000	4,400,000

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